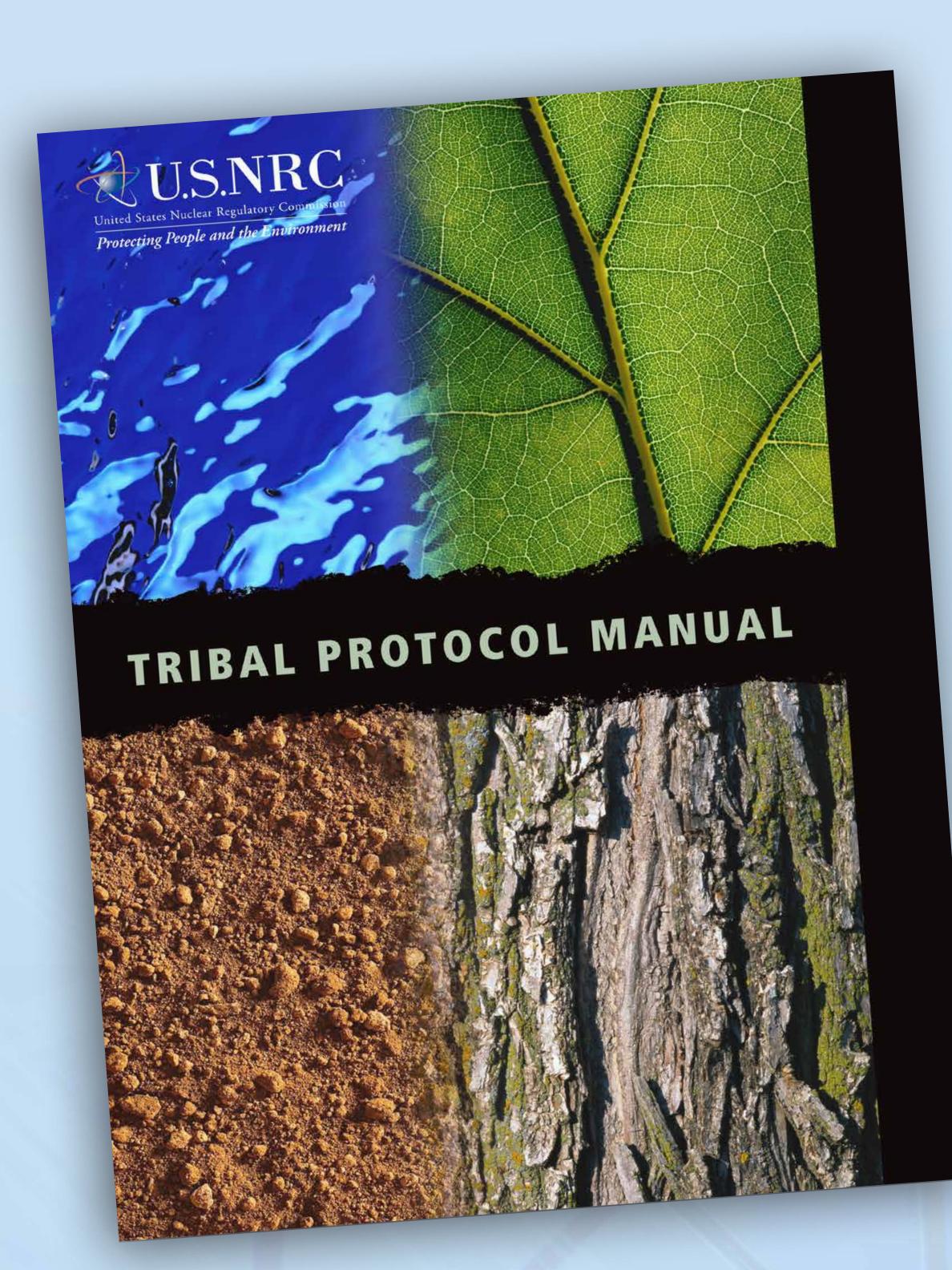


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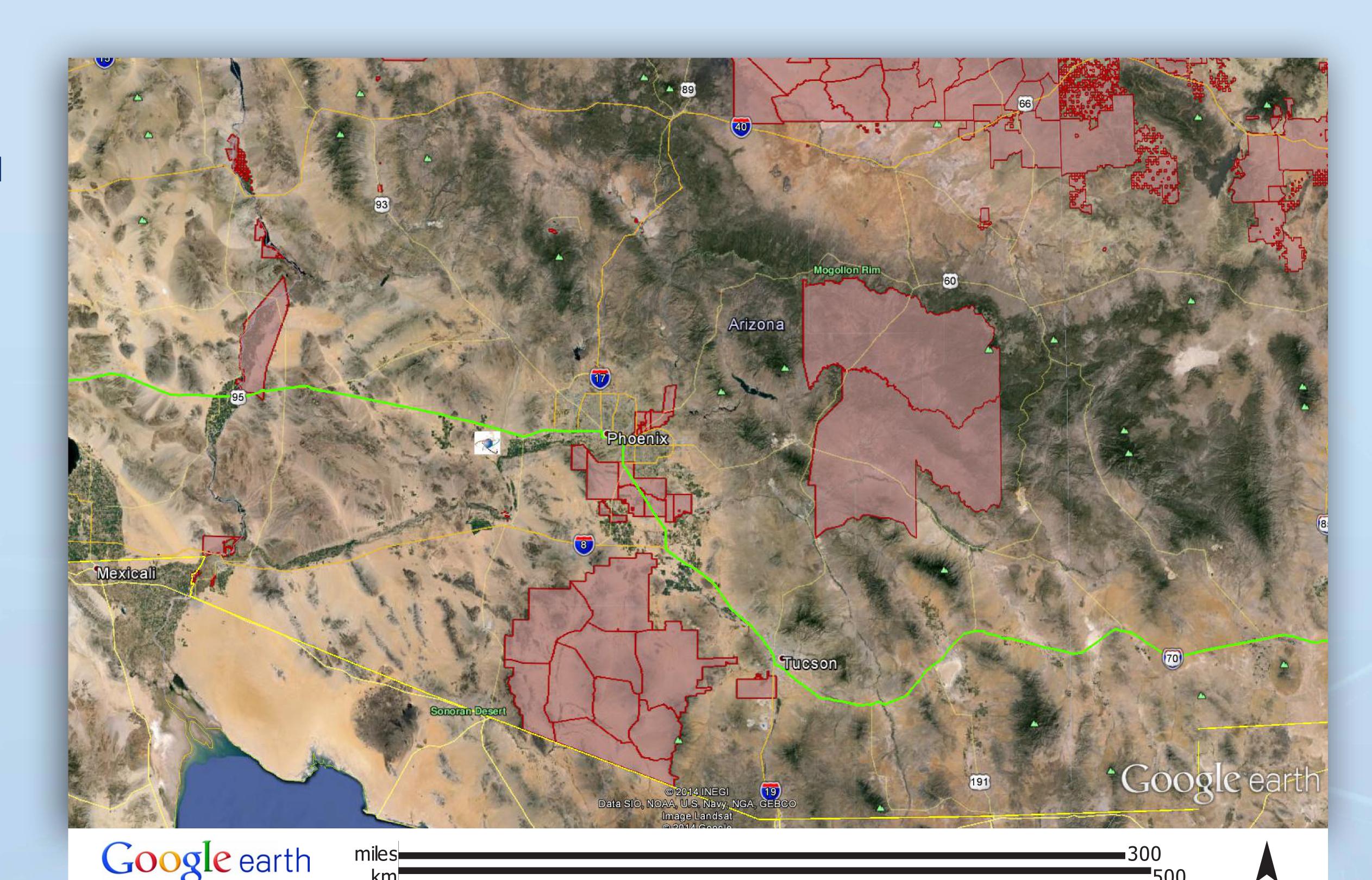
On December 1, 2014, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a Federal Register notice soliciting comments on the "Tribal Protocol Manual: Guidance for NRC Staff (NUREG-2173)." To foster effective interaction with Native American Tribes, the NRC employs the "Tribal Protocol Manual" in implementing the Federal, State and Tribal Liaison Program.

The updated Manual and proposed Tribal Policy Statement are the next steps in the agency's effort to formalize the process for engaging with Tribal governments and embodies the NRC's commitment to acknowledging the sovereign rights of Federally-recognized Tribes in the development and implementation of agency policies and regulatory activities that have Tribal implications.

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Interested parties may access information related to Revision 1 of the NRC Tribal Protocol Manual by searching www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2012-0235.

The NRC's Tribal Outreach Program



Advance Notification

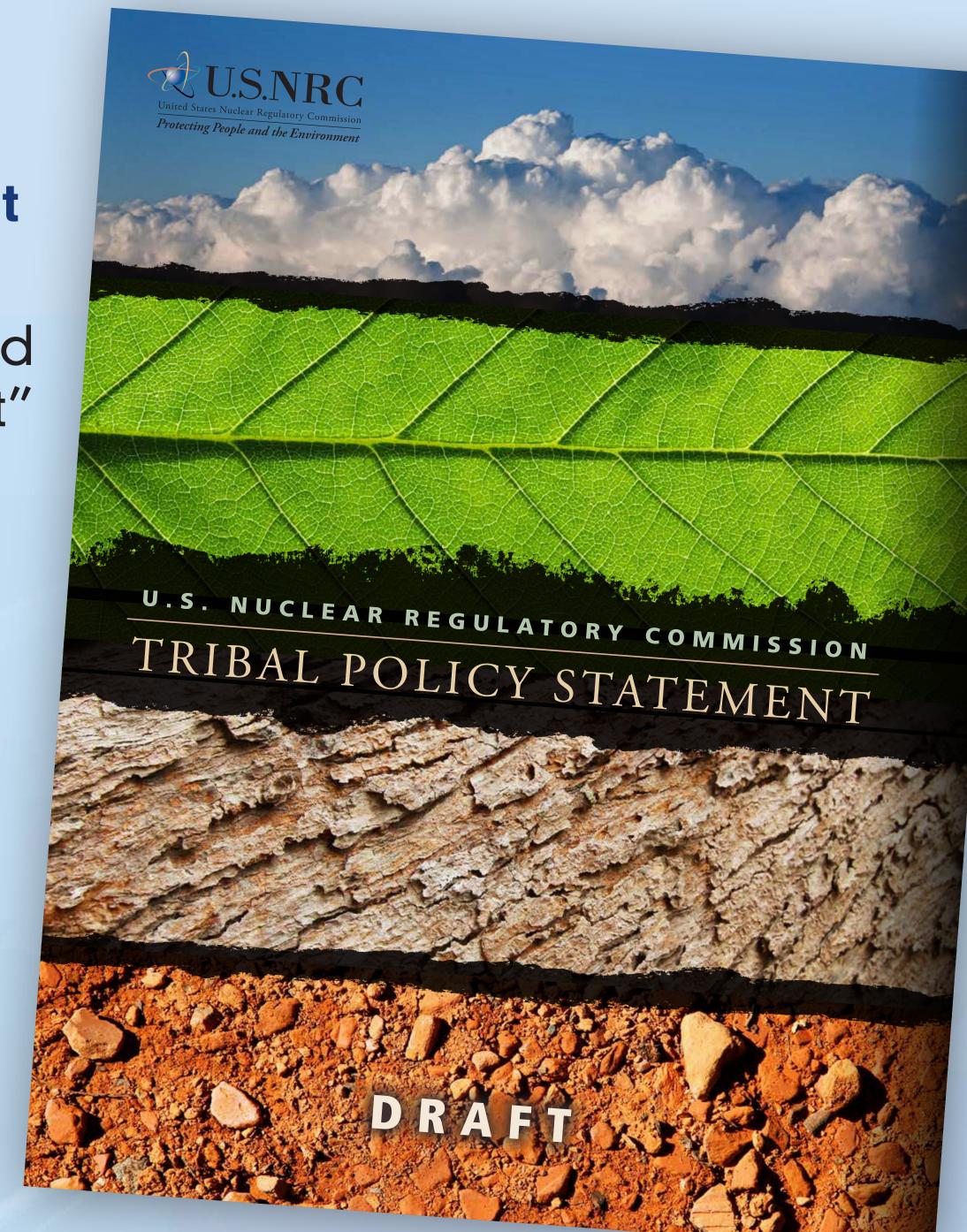
In June 2012, the NRC published a final rule (77 FR 34194) that amended its regulations requiring licensees to provide participating Federally recognized Tribes advance notification of certain types of nuclear waste shipments transported within or across Tribal reservations.

A demonstration will provide boundaries of Federally recognized Tribal lands and will highlight a few examples of where transportation of spent nuclear fuel crosses reservation boundaries.

NRC Tribal Policy Statement

On December 1, 2014, the NRC published the proposed NRC "Tribal Policy Statement" in the *Federal Register* for public comment.

The proposed Tribal Policy
Statement establishes
the following principles
to be followed by the
NRC to help ensure
effective government-togovernment interactions
and to encourage Tribal
involvement in the
areas over which the
Commission has jurisdiction:



- 1. The NRC Recognizes the Federal Trust Relationship and Will Uphold its Trust Relationship with Indian Tribes.
- 2. The NRC Recognizes and Is Committed to a Government-to-Government Relationship with Indian Tribes.
- 3. The NRC Will Conduct Outreach to Indian Tribes.
- 4. The NRC Will Engage in Timely Consultation.
- 5. The NRC Will Coordinate with Other Federal Agencies.
- 6. The NRC Will Encourage Participation by State-Recognized Tribes.

Tribal governments and organizations, the public, and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments during a 180-day comment period that ends May 31, 2015.

Details are available online at http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/state-tribal. html or at www.regulations.gov (search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0235).

